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February 01, 2024 BOARD MEETING

California Library Services Board Mission

The mission of the California Library Services Board is to foster lifelong learning by ensuring that all Californians have free and convenient access to all library resources and services.

California Library Services Board Vision

The California Library Services Board values literacy, cooperation, diversity, service to the underserved, and access.

- **Literacy:** Promote the importance of reading and the skills needed by individuals to participate fully in society.
- **Cooperation:** Encourage the sharing of resources and collaboration among libraries and other government agencies, organizations, and diverse community groups.
- **Diversity:** Support programs and services that reflect the diverse population of California.
- **Service to the underserved:** Strengthen equitable distribution of resources and services to any population segment, regardless of economic status and other circumstances, whose needs are not adequately met by traditional library services patterns.
- **Access:** Affirm the principles of equitable access to resource across library systems through local control, local financing, and resource sharing.



MEETING NOTICE

**California Library Services Board
February 01, 2024
11:00am – 1:00pm**

Remote meeting:
This meeting will be a Zoom meeting

**If you would like to listen and/or participate in this meeting, please
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For Physical Meeting Locations See the Next Page

California State Library Building

State Librarian's Office Suite
914 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Camarena Memorial Library

850 Encinas Avenue
Calexico CA 92231

Glendale Public Library

Administration Conference Room
Central Branch
222 East Harvard St.
Glendale, CA 91205

Long Beach Main Library

Meeting Room B
200 W. Broadway
Long Beach, CA 90802

Whittier Public Library

Central library Conference room
7344 Washington Aver
Whittier, CA 90602

Tulare County Public Law Library

Kenneth E. Conn Conference Room
221 S Mooney Blvd
Visalia, CA 93291

Petaluma Regional Library

Board Room
100 Fairgrounds Dr.
Petaluma, CA 94962

North University Community Library

8820 Judicial Dr.
San Diego CA 92122

A. BOARD OPENING

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions of Board members, staff, and audience

2. Adoption of Agenda

Consider agenda as presented or amended

3. Approval of October 19, 2023, Board Minutes – Document 1

Consider minutes as presented or amended

4. Meeting date for Spring & Fall 2024 – Document 2

Discuss dates for the upcoming Board meetings

B. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. Board President's Report

Report on activities since last Board meeting

2. Board Vice-President's Report

Report on activities since last Board meeting

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Report on activities since last Board meeting

C. CALIFORNIA LIBRARY SERVICES ACT

BUDGET AND PLANNING

Resource Sharing

1. Consolidation and Affiliations– Document 3

Consider Palm Desert Public Library affiliation with Inland Library System.

D. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Position of Administrative Assistant II to the California Library Services Board – Document 4

Consideration of the Administrative Assistant II to the California Library Services Board position at the State Library

E. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

1. Budget Update and Overview of Legislation Affecting Libraries FY 2024-2025

Consider areas of legislative concern for the upcoming fiscal year

2. Federal Budget Update – Library Services and Technology Act Funding

Consider updates to the federal funding received by the State Library

F. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS FY 2024-2025

Discussion items brought forward by the Board that fall under their purview

1. Establishment of Legislative Advocacy Goals FY 2024-2025 – Document 5

Consider previous letter to the legislature and areas of legislative concern for the upcoming fiscal year

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment on any item or issue that is under the purview of the California Library Services Board and is not on the agenda

H. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS

Board member or officer comment on any item or issues that is under the purview of the California Library Services Board and is not on the agenda

I. OLD BUSINESS

Any old business the Board members wish to discuss

J. AGENDA BUILDING

Input on agenda items for subsequent Board meetings

K. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the meeting

California Library Services Board Meeting

October 19, 2023

Remote Meeting: Zoom

BOARD OPENING

Welcome and Introductions

President Williams called the California Library Services Board meeting to order on October 19, 2023, at 10:30 am. Williams welcomed the newest member of the board, Sharon Weissman.

Board Members Present:

Anne Bernardo, James Lau, Paymaneh Maghsoudi, Elizabeth Murguia, Maria Nieto Senour, Sandra Tauler, Sharon Weissman and Connie Williams.

California State Library Staff Present:

California State Librarian Greg Lucas, Deputy State Librarian Rebecca Wendt, General Counsel Scott Taylor, Library Development Services Bureau Chief Natalie Cole, Library Programs Administrator Reed Streng, CSL Staff Monica Rivas, CSL Staff Annly Roman, CSL Staff Lena Pham, CSL Staff Chris Durr, CSL Staff Amanda Ramos Gamon, CSL Staff Meg DePriest, CSL Staff Lynne Olivia, and CSL Staff Julianna Robbins.

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved, seconded (Weissman/Murgia) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board adopts the agenda for the October 19, 2023, meeting.

Approval of May 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was moved, seconded (Lau/Bernardo) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board approves the draft minutes of the May 23, 2023, California Library Services Board meeting.

Meeting Dates – Winter & Spring 2024

Administrative Assistant Iulia Bodeanu will be sending out a doodle poll for possible dates for the upcoming Winter 2024 meeting.

1 **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

2 **Board President's Report**

3 President Williams reported that AB 535 (School Library Lead) has been put on
4 hold pending funding for that position. CSLA is having their conference at the end
5 of January in Costa Mesa. One of the initiatives in school libraries is creating board
6 approved policies for book challenges. The California State Library has created
7 an infographic that presented the five steps to take in preparation for book
8 challenges.

9 **Vice President's Report**

10 Vice President Anne Bernardo continues to monitor and take action on various
11 advocacy issues from ALA. Bernard continues to be an active member of ALL and
12 its Northern California Law Library chapter. For State Law libraries there was no
13 additional funding from the State and have taken steps for the next fiscal year.

14 **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

15 State Librarian Greg Lucas reported that since the last meeting the State
16 budget has been approved. There were no material increases in the local
17 assistance funds provided to the State Library to disperse to local libraries. The
18 continuing space from trial court funding fees that pay for law library services do
19 not cover the cost of operation. The funding gap was filled by general fund
20 money to facilitate operation of the California State Law Library. In the 2021
21 budget approximately \$500 million was allocated to funding facility improvement
22 projects for libraries. 245 projects in 180 cities and 38 counties. Within the last week
23 the State Library awarded the remaining \$172 million. We received 148
24 applications asking for \$500 million in funding. We were able to fund 34 projects.
25 \$100 million has been promised in the budget for a three-year period with \$30
26 million each year. We are keeping the facility improve applications on file as more
27 funding becomes available. The budget did not increase funding for Zip Books,
28 which the board as asked for in the past. This is another priority for just to increase
29 funding for the program. Local literacy programs have increased as more ESL
30 learners continue to visit libraries. \$15 million that will be distributed over the
31 upcoming years. However, this is one time funding for ESL programs. We are
32 working with school libraries to provide online resources such as the Alexander
33 Street project via ProQuest that was initially for school libraries, will now be offered
34 to via public libraries as well.

35 **BUDGET AND PLANNING**

36 **Library Services Act Final Budget FY 2023-2024**

37 President Connie Williams presented the CLSA budget for Fiscal
38 Year 2023-2024 and presented the following motion:

1 ***It was moved, seconded (Maghsoudi/Weissman) and carried***
2 ***unanimously that the California Library Services Board adopt, the Final***
3 ***2023/2024 budget as directed in the Governor's 2023/2024 Budget,***
4 ***totaling \$3,630,000 for allocation to Cooperative Library Systems.***

5 President Connie Williams presented the preliminary CLSA budget for Fiscal
6 Year 2023-2024 for the Zip Books program and presented the following motion:

7 ***It was moved and seconded (Murgia/Tauler) and carried***
8 ***unanimously that the California Library Services Board approve the***
9 ***\$1 million allocated in the 2023/2024 budget to invest in the Zip Books***
10 ***program to ensure timely and cost-effective access to information in***
11 ***California's hard-to-reach and underserved communities.***

12 Monica Rivas stated that this fiscal year the funding request was \$1.5 million with
13 \$1 million allocated but all the funding requests being fulfilled. Zip Books continues
14 to be a popular program among libraries. Vice-President Anne Bernardo asked if
15 there is a way to see how the Zip Books program participants are distributed
16 among the systems. Monica Rivas said this is possible and will be provided to the
17 board. Sharon Weissman asked how the determination of how much funding
18 each library receives is made. Library Programs Administrator Reed Strenge stated
19 that one of the factors is a library's Local Income per Capital Level which is in line
20 with the State Library's equity focused grant making procedures. Demonstrating
21 need is the first consideration. The reported spending at mid-year for the 2022-
22 2023 Fiscal Year was also considered. Additionally, within the community of
23 practice summit which took place on October 18, 2023, we communicated with
24 libraries who participate in the Zip Books program and heard how appreciative
25 they are for the program and understood that there is more demand than funding
26 available this year.

27 **California Library Services Act System-level programs**

28 Monica Rivas presented an overview of the Systems Plans of Service for Fiscal
29 Year 2023-2024 and presented the following motion:

30 ***It was moved and seconded (Maghsoudi/Murguia) and carried***
31 ***unanimously that the California Library Services Board approve the***
32 ***CLSA System Plans of Service and Budgets for the nine Cooperative***
33 ***Library Systems, submitted for fiscal year 2023/2024.***

34 Monica Rivas stated that the systems would like to receive funding in one
35 check. Rivas asked the board if this would be permissible, and the board agreed.

1 Monica Rivas presented the Systems population and membership figures for
2 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and presented the following motion:

3 ***It was moved and seconded (Tauler/Weissman) and carried***
4 ***unanimously that the California Library Services Board approve the***
5 ***System Population and Membership figures for use in the allocation***
6 ***of System funds for the fiscal year 2023/2024.***

7 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

8 State Librarian Greg Lucas reported on current and pending legislation include
9 AB 535 (State-wide Library Lead) did not pass and was not brought for a final vote.
10 It is likely that this bill will come up again next year. The bill that most impacts
11 libraries is SB 321 (Student Success Cards) and makes it easier to connect students
12 with libraries. The State Library is seeking a new position to facilitate the
13 connection of students and public libraries. The State Library will create strategies
14 and toolkits to assist in the implementation of this legislation.

15 **BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS FY 2023-2024**

16 **Presentation on Libraries in Correctional Facilities**

17 Brandy Buenafe, previous CLSA Board Member and current Principal Librarian
18 at California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation presented on
19 correctional libraries. Anne Bernardo asked about the Freedom Reads
20 partnership print collection. The collection is donated along with furniture and the
21 population is appreciative of the resources.

22 **Update on Imagination Library Project**

23 Deputy State Librarian Rebecca Wendt stated that the Imagination Library
24 state-wide rollout was in June 2023. The State absorbs half of the cost of books
25 and mailing for those signed up in the program, children ages 0 to 5. California
26 counties continue to go-county wide with the program. The State Library has
27 created a non-profit that is being staffed up for the duration of the five-year
28 program.

29 **Book Challenges and Censorship Issues in Libraries**

30 President Connie Williams stated the board sent a letter to the Governor that
31 included an item about book challenges and censorship in libraries. Williams
32 opened the discussion as to a role that the board can take regarding this issue.
33 Sharon Weissman asked if the board could offer a speaker to libraries that could
34 provide information about how other libraries have approached book
35 challenges. Weissman attended a program facilitated by the Friends of Long
36 Beach Public Library that provided a speaker on the issue and stated that the

1 more information that is available, the better since this is an important topic.
2 Paymaneh Maghsoudi stated that the City of Huntington Beach passed a city
3 council resolution to create a board to review what books are on library's
4 collection. An elected commission adopted the resolution.

5 Williams asked what the board could do regarding this topic. Greg Lucas
6 stated that the State Library worked with local librarians to create the five-step
7 checklist to address book challenges at the local level. Sharing the positive
8 impact of libraries is a better approach than giving credibility to those attacking
9 libraries. The State Library is creating a state-wide e-book library with 80,000 titles
10 now and any library can connect to the e-book library to increase accessibility.

11 Sharon Weissman mentioned that including public libraries as party of the AB
12 1078 would be of interest. Greg Lucas stated there was reluctance by the state
13 to move along the same path as that for school libraries. There is funding that is
14 tied to the issue and limits access to libraries with this strategy. The State Library
15 can investigate what other states are doing regarding the issue.

16 President Connie Williams suggested that Greg Lucas gather information
17 regarding what the board can do on the book challenges issue. The board has
18 sent letter to legislators and the budget office while thinking of other ways to show
19 support and continue to provide access to libraries. This item should be on the
20 next agenda.

21 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

22 There was no public comment brought forward.

23 **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS**

24 Sharon Weissman stated she would like to be more involved in advocacy at
25 the state level. During her career she was the chief of staff for a State Senator and
26 an Assembly member and is familiar with the legislative process and knows her
27 local Long Beach legislators and would like to be involved in advocacy. She
28 would like to be involved in lobbying for more funding even as the State Budget
29 faces challenges. Part of what the State wanted as they created the board was
30 access to libraries for everybody. When the libraries aren't open the services are
31 not available to the community, and this is critical.

32 Sharon Weissman mentioned that she has long been disappointed that when
33 she buys an e-book it cannot be donated to a library in the same way that a
34 physical book can be donated. While there is a controversy regarding digital
35 books with authors, publishers, and legislation, she would like that when a library
36 buys a license for a digital book it is only for a certain number of check outs.
37 Weissman would like to hear the thoughts of the board and staff on this topic.

1 Weissman also mentioned the issue of homelessness in our libraries. Certainly,
2 our libraries are an oasis and a critical resource for those that are experiencing
3 homelessness, but there are problems associated with those that are mentally ill
4 around our library facilities. Weissman stated she did not know if this issue has been
5 discussed by the board or if there are resources available at the State for libraries
6 experiencing this dilemma.

7 State Librarian Greg Lucas stated that he will connect Weissman with Chris Durr
8 at the State Library as he is the subject matter expert on e-books and e-resources.
9 Lucas stated that the State has approximately \$13 million earmarked for mental
10 health services and unhoused related services. There has been a large legislative
11 push that pertains to this issue with funding that is not specifically allocated to
12 libraries. Libraries find themselves on the front lines in addressing in the difficult
13 social issues that face California. There are some libraries that are creating
14 categories of library workers that are closer to social workers in response to what
15 is happening at their local libraries. The more voices that echo these concerns the
16 more likely action will be taken to address it.

17 Anne Bernado addressed Sharon's point about advocacy as the board sends
18 a letter to the Governor and the Legislature in preparation of the yearly budget.
19 Bernardo asked if we are ready to draft the letter for the 2024-2025 budget year?
20 Williams stated she is ready, and it might be useful to identify the recipients within
21 targeted issues such as homelessness and e-books. The board would come
22 together at the January meeting with the items we want to address in the letter.
23 Weissman suggested that the board have talking points that can address the
24 issues when we communicate with local legislators as an advocacy tool.
25 Speaking to people and telling personal stories is important stated Weissman.

26 Williams stated that the previous letter addressed hotspots and chrome books,
27 Zip Books, e-books for all, multilingual books for Pre K to 12th grade students, and
28 support for creating book challenge policies. We could deliver a more specific
29 letter to the Governor's office. Elizabeth Murgia stated that we are always
30 advocating for more money and the State allocates comparatively small amount
31 in relation to the entire State budget.

32 Greg Lucas stated that the State Library's budget process submits the budget
33 requests by Labor Day and the administration makes its decision what to include
34 in the January 1st draft by Thanksgiving. Murgia suggested that the board narrow
35 the scope of the letter and pick one or two budget items, such as increasing
36 funding for Zip Books to \$3 million. Paymaneh Maghsoudi suggested funding
37 programs where funding will be ending such as homework help services via
38 Brainfuse. Bernardo stated that she would like to see the budget for CLSA
39 programs increase beyond the current \$3.6 million, which has been stagnant for

1 the past five years. Monica Rivas stated that based on the plans of service
2 Brainfuse is not one of the services that CLSA funds are used for.

3 Elizabeth Murgia suggested that the board craft a letter where we identify the
4 programs that have one time funding that are ending and ask for increasing our
5 base funding moving forward.

6 Greg Lucas stated that the message from the department of finance, which
7 evaluates our budget request, that the more compelling argument is
8 demonstrating the need for the service. The State Library routinely receives
9 requests for funding beyond capacity. When it comes to local assistance and
10 focus of the board, our fiscal requests are in response to what Library Directors
11 and Local Libraries tell us is important. In the past there were grant programs that
12 came through the board requesting funds for mobile access for library services,
13 that continue to be a need. Even when one time funding has gone away, the
14 need has not. The need is greater than the funding, but we continue to make
15 budget requests that are reflective of the need for local libraries.

16 Elizabeth Murgia suggested that Greg Lucas and the board draft a letter that
17 supports the general expansion of our regular budget to address the budget
18 priorities of the board. Sharon Weissman suggested that the board find a
19 champion in the legislature that will advocate for libraries. Paymaneh Maghsoudi
20 stated that Bob Archuleta got funding for building new libraries in the last
21 legislative year. Connie Williams suggesting drafting a letter with talking points that
22 board members can take to their local legislators.

23 **OLD BUSINESS**

24 Reed Strenge provided an update on the Zip Books program. The 2022-2023
25 year had 96 libraries participating, this year there are 99 libraries. 21,000 unique
26 patrons took part in the service and libraries received about 51,000 requests. By
27 the next meeting we will have the mid-year reports to share.

28 Sharon Weissman asked why there are no e-books that are available as part
29 of the Zip Books program. Reed Strenge stated that grantees are asked to use
30 Amazon as the only vendor that can ship to a person's household. E-books would
31 be limited to the Amazon kindle. Each year the State Library explores if there are
32 other shipping options, but there are no good options that fit the program goals.
33 Weissman asked if it is possible to expand the program through the state-wide e-
34 book library. Strenge said he would investigate the logistics of the program as a
35 possibility. Weissman said increasing the number and access to e-books would be
36 a compelling reason to expand the program and the budget. budget requests
37 that are reflective of the need for local libraries.

1 Monica Rivas stated that we are continuously working to update our CSLA
2 reports and in the next year we will have reports that reflect the same format and
3 procedures as our other state grants. Staff will be making sure all reports are
4 uniform, efficient, and simple.

5 **AGENDA BUILDING**

6 President Connie Williams stated in the early months of 2024 we will be
7 discussing advocacy. Sharon Weissman asked if we do a legislative agenda.
8 Williams stated that the Spring meeting has traditionally been where we meet with
9 legislators. Weissman stated that the legislative agenda be more proactive in
10 regard to proposing certain bills that deal with censorship or homelessness and as
11 the board, we would know which legislative items we support or oppose.
12 Legislative updates go to the board on existing legislation. Greg Lucas stated the
13 board has not proposed legislation in the past, but it is another way of expressing
14 the board's priorities and is not prohibited. This may be something that falls under
15 the board's charter in accordance with the CLA legislative committee. Weissman
16 suggested putting a legislative/advocacy item to the agenda.

17 **ADJOURNMENT**

18 President Connie Williams called for the adjournment of the California Library
19 Services Board meeting at 12:42 pm.

AGENDA ITEM: Spring & Fall 2024 Meeting Schedule and Locations

Proposed Board Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activities</u>
April/May 2024	Virtual/Remote	Preliminary System Budgets
Late August/Early September/October 2024	Virtual/Remote	Regular Business Plans of Service LSTA State Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting

BACKGROUND:

California Library Services Act (CLSA) regulations specify that the Board shall conduct meetings at least twice a year.

AGENDA ITEM: CLSA Consolidations and Affiliations

ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:

Consideration of Palm Desert Public Library affiliation with the Inland Library System

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD:

I move that the California Library Services Board approve the affiliation of the Palm Desert Public Library with the Inland Library System effective July 1, 2024 pending the submission of the local ordinance or other official establishing documentation from the City of Palm Desert to the California State Library and the California Library Services Board.

ISSUE 1:

Consideration of Palm Desert Public Library affiliation with the Inland Library System

BACKGROUND:

Notification has been received from the Palm Desert Public Library and the Inland Library System (**Exhibit A**) requesting approval of the affiliation of the Palm Desert Public Library to the Inland Library System. The Executive Committee approved, and the Administrative Council confirmed, Palm Desert Public Library as a member of the Inland Library System, effective July 1, 2024 (**Exhibit B**). On October 12, 2023, at the City Council meeting of the City of Palm Desert resolution 2023-047 was adopted requesting the City of Palm Desert Library withdraw from the Riverside County Library System (**Exhibit C**). On November 16, 2023, at the City Council meeting of the City of Palm Desert resolution 2023-054 was adopted requesting the City of Palm Desert Library join the Inland Library System (**Exhibit D**). Resolutions 2023-047 was received and filed with the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors and on November 07, 2023 a motion was made and approved to approve the resolution (**Exhibit E**).

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES

CURRENT STATUS: June 30, 1983, marked the last date on which public libraries affiliating were eligible for grants under the affiliations program.

Although affiliation grants are no longer available, the State Board must still approve the proposed affiliation of independent public libraries, since CLSA funds are allocated based on formulas in which the number of System members is a significant factor.

Included for your information is a revised history of CLSA consolidations and affiliations through fiscal year 2022-2023 see (**Exhibit F**).

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:

The State Board will be notified of all proposed affiliations or consolidations at the Board meeting immediately following the receipt of notices of intent.

Staff Liaison: Monica Rivas



January 5, 2024

Connie Williams
President
California Library Services Board
P.O. Box 942837
Sacramento, CA 94237-0001

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of the Inland Library System, I would like to formally request the California Library Services Board's consideration of the Palm Desert Library's admission into the Inland Library System at its upcoming meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Enclosed with this letter are the following documents, required for a new library jurisdiction's consideration for CLSA affiliation:

1. Palm Desert Resolution to Withdraw from Riverside County (Resolution No. 2023-047)
2. Palm Desert Resolution to Join Inland Library System (Resolution No. 2023-054)
3. Approval Letter of Palm Desert's Membership to Inland Library System

Additionally, we have attached:

4. The County of Riverside Board of Supervisors' acceptance of the City's resolution
5. The County of Riverside's required transmittal notice to the California State Board of Equalization regarding the withdrawal

We were informed that one of the required documents included an "ordinance, as required in appropriate laws from [the] City, signed by appropriate officials, creating a new library." The City of Palm Desert has informed us that while an ordinance is not required in their withdrawal process, they will be putting forward documents to create the formal library governance and ordinances prior to July 1, 2024, their first day of planned operation. Additionally, Section 3 of Resolution 2023-047 acknowledges the formation of the Palm Desert Library.

We greatly appreciate the board's consideration of this request and are happy to answer questions or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



[Erin M Christ \(Jan 8, 2024 12:49 PST\)](#)

Erin Christmas
Chair
Inland Library System

Enclosures



222 E. Harvard Street | Glendale, CA 91205

January 3, 2024

Dr. Gary Shaffer
Director of Library Services
City of Palm Desert
73510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear Dr. Shaffer:

I am pleased to report that at the last meeting of the Inland Library System, held on December 14, 2023, the Executive Committee approved, and the Administrative Council confirmed, Palm Desert Public Library as a member of the Inland Library System, effective July 1, 2024.

After approval by the California Library Services Board at their first meeting in 2024, the Administrative Council will update its bylaws to reflect Palm Desert's membership within the System.

We look forward to having the Palm Desert Public Library join the Inland Library System.

Best regards,

Erin Christmas
Erin Christmas (Jan 3, 2024 16:35 PST)

Erin Christmas
Chair
Inland Library System

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-047

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, WITHDRAWING FROM THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM, ASSUMING THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, AND INDICATING ITS INTENT TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Desert is currently part of the Riverside County Library System, a county-free library system pursuant to Education Code section 19100 et seq. ("RCLS"); and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 4, 2023, the City's Parks and Recreation Committee established a subcommittee to study issues related to library operations; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on May 2, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Committee made recommendations for City Council consideration including that the City provide enhanced services for the upcoming year, take over the management of the library, and potentially assume the County's lease of the library building, or alternately purchase the portion of the library building occupied by the Desert Community College District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council received the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendations at a Study Session on May 11, 2023, during which the City Council directed City staff to research the option of assuming complete control of the Palm Desert Library and operating it as a municipal library; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on June 8, 2023, the City Council voted to form and appoint a Library Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on June 22, 2023, the City Council received a presentation and research updates from City staff regarding options for enhancing services at the Palm Desert Library, after which the City Council unanimously voted to endorse the formation of a City of Palm Desert municipal library; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Desert desires to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System; and

WHEREAS, as required by California Education Code Section 19106, the City of Palm Desert published once a week for two successive weeks, in a newspaper designated by the City circulating throughout the City, notice of the City's intent to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System, assume the provision of library services in the City, and establish an independent municipal library, and such notice provides the date and place of the meeting at which these contemplated actions are proposed to be taken; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, the City Council of the City of Palm Desert held a public hearing on the matter of withdrawal from the Riverside County Library System and intention to establish an independent municipal library; and

WHEREAS, as required by California Education Code Section 19116, the City is authorized to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System and assume responsibility for providing public library services by notifying the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County that the City no longer desires to be a part of the county free library system and indicating whether the City intends to acquire property pursuant to subdivision (c) of California Education Code, Section 19116; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System as of July 1, 2024, or upon the transfer of any property, whichever is later, and to provide library services directly to the public as a municipal library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Palm Desert hereby approves the withdrawal from the Riverside County Library System and determines and directs that City staff notify the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County that: a) the City no longer desires to be part of the county free library system, b) the City desires to assume the County's lease with Desert Community College District of the library building and to acquire all mutually agreed upon personal property within, c) as of July 1, 2024, or upon the transfer of property, whichever is later, the City of Palm Desert will withdraw from the Riverside County Library System and shall assume the responsibility for the provision of library services within the City's jurisdiction, and d) the City requests that the County shall take all necessary actions to redirect to the City, effective July 1, 2024, residual property tax funds and pass through funding pursuant to the Education Code and to redirect such funds to the City annually thereafter.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby directs staff to begin negotiations with the County, regarding the lease of the library building and contents, the transfer of funds for library operations, and the drafting of an agreement regarding these and all related matters, including the unwinding of previous agreements related to the library, in accordance with California Education Code, Section 19116.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby expresses its intent to establish an independent municipal library and directs staff to take all necessary steps and actions in order to effectuate the transition of the Palm Desert Library from the Riverside County Library System to a municipal library.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify passage of this Resolution.

ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 12, 2023

DocuSigned by:
Kathleen Kelly
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KATHLEEN KELLY
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:
Anthony J. Mejia
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ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2023-047 is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on October 12, 2023 by the following vote:

- AYES: HARNIK, NESTANDE, QUINTANILLA, TRUBEE, AND KELLY
- NOES: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE
- ABSTAIN: NONE
- RECUSED: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on 10/12/2023.

DocuSigned by:
Anthony J. Mejia
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ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-054

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING TO JOIN THE INLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE, AS OF JULY 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted Resolution 2023-047 stating its intent to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Library System has been a member of the Inland Library System (ILS) since June 28, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes for its residents to maintain access to all services rendered by ILS and for the Palm Desert Library to be eligible for future State of California and federal funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Palm Desert hereby approves a request to the administrative council of the ILS to join the ILS, as of July 1, 2024, and in return for our ongoing annual dues, be allowed to participate in the administrative council and be afforded all privileges of membership.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby directs staff to provide a copy of this executed Resolution to the administrator of the ILS and attend the December 14, 2023, meeting of the ILS in the City of Riverside in order petition for our membership, on behalf of the City Council, and answer any questions of the ILS administrative council members.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify passage of this Resolution.

ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 16, 2023.

DocuSigned by:

Kathleen Kelly

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KATHLEEN KELLY
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Anthony J. Mejia

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ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2023-054 is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on November 16, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: HARNIK, NESTANDE, QUINTANILLA, TRUBEE, AND KELLY
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
RECUSED: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on 11/17/2023.

DocuSigned by:
Anthony J. Mejia
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ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

From: Bruckner, Scott <SBruckner@rivco.org>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 5:00 PM
To: Price, Anna Marie; Byrne, Devin; Benoit, Ben J; Aldana, Peter
Cc: Perez, Juan; Holland, Suzanne; Jacobson, Amber; Baechel, Jennifer; Cady, Doug
Subject: Transmittal of Notice - CA Education Code Section 19116 (a)(1)
Attachments: Final Library Resolution_10-12-23.pdf

Good Afternoon,

On November 7, 2023, the County of Riverside’s Board of Supervisors formally received the attached notice from the City of Palm Desert City Council, which announces the City’s intent that it no longer desires to be part of the county free library system. The County and City are currently engaged in necessary steps for the City to exit the system, as set forth in CA Education Code.

This message and attachment are being forwarded to you in accordance with CA Education Code Section 19116 (a)(1); it is our understanding that no action is required from you at this time. Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Scott Bruckner | Principal Policy Analyst
County of Riverside Executive Office
4080 Lemon Street 4th Floor, Riverside, CA. 92501
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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.7
(ID # 23416)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, November 07, 2023

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Receive and File Palm Desert City Council Resolution No. 2023-047, Withdrawing from the Riverside County Library System. District 4. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and File Palm Desert City Council Resolution No. 2023-047, Withdrawing from the Riverside County Library System; and
2. Direct the Office of Economic Development to Begin Negotiations with the City of Palm Desert Regarding Lease of the Library Building and Contents, Transfer of Funds for Library Operations, and Drafting of Agreement Regarding These and all Related Matters, Related to the Palm Desert Library branch, in Accordance with California Education Code, Section 19116.

ACTION:Policy

Suzanne Holland
Suzanne Holland, Director of Office of Economic Development

10/31/2023

Juan C. Perez
Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer

11/2/2023

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Gutierrez
Date: November 7, 2023
xc: E.O., OED

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: *Kimberly A. Rector*
Deputy

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: 23/24	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Palm Desert Library branch in the City of Palm Desert is currently part of the Riverside County Library System, a county free library system pursuant to California Education Code section 19100 et seq. As set forth in Education Code Section 19116, to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System and assume responsibility for providing its own public library services, a City must provide notification to the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County that the City no longer desires to be a part of the county free library system and indicate whether the City intends to acquire property.

On October 12, 2023, the Palm Desert City Council held a public hearing and approved Council Resolution No. 2023-047, withdrawing from the Riverside County Library System and announcing intent to assume provision of library services and establish an independent municipal library system. To that end, City staff were directed to begin negotiations with the County regarding the lease of the Palm Desert Library building and contents, the transfer of funds for library operations, and the drafting of an agreement in accordance with Education Code, Section 19116.

To formally withdraw from the system effective July 1, 2024, the attached notice must be submitted by the City to the County's Board of Supervisors by December 2, 2023. Copies of the attached notice will also be forwarded to the County Assessor, County Auditor-Controller and the State Board of Equalization. County Office of Economic Development staff will meet with the City to negotiate an Agreement to set forth withdrawal terms, including but not limited to property tax split, and transfer of property and lease provisions. This Agreement will come forward for Board of Supervisors consideration ahead of the July 1 deadline in the coming months.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Through approval of Council Resolution No. 2023-047, the Palm Desert City Council has expressed its desire for local control through direct provision of library services to City residents as a municipal library.

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTACHMENTS:

- City of Palm Desert City Council Resolution No. 2023-047


Scott Bruenkner 11/2/2023

Michael C. Thomas
Michael C. Thomas 11/1/2023

Aaron Gettis
Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Counsel 11/1/2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-047

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, WITHDRAWING FROM THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM, ASSUMING THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, AND INDICATING ITS INTENT TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Desert is currently part of the Riverside County Library System, a county-free library system pursuant to Education Code section 19100 et seq. ("RCLS"); and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on April 4, 2023, the City's Parks and Recreation Committee established a subcommittee to study issues related to library operations; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on May 2, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Committee made recommendations for City Council consideration including that the City provide enhanced services for the upcoming year, take over the management of the library, and potentially assume the County's lease of the library building, or alternately purchase the portion of the library building occupied by the Desert Community College District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council received the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendations at a Study Session on May 11, 2023, during which the City Council directed City staff to research the option of assuming complete control of the Palm Desert Library and operating it as a municipal library; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on June 8, 2023, the City Council voted to form and appoint a Library Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on June 22, 2023, the City Council received a presentation and research updates from City staff regarding options for enhancing services at the Palm Desert Library, after which the City Council unanimously voted to endorse the formation of a City of Palm Desert municipal library; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Desert desires to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System; and

WHEREAS, as required by California Education Code Section 19106, the City of Palm Desert published once a week for two successive weeks, in a newspaper designated by the City circulating throughout the City, notice of the City's intent to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System, assume the provision of library services in the City, and establish an independent municipal library, and such notice provides the date and place of the meeting at which these contemplated actions are proposed to be taken; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, the City Council of the City of Palm Desert held a public hearing on the matter of withdrawal from the Riverside County Library System and intention to establish an independent municipal library; and

WHEREAS, as required by California Education Code Section 19116, the City is authorized to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System and assume responsibility for providing public library services by notifying the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County that the City no longer desires to be a part of the county free library system and indicating whether the City intends to acquire property pursuant to subdivision (c) of California Education Code, Section 19116; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to withdraw from the Riverside County Library System as of July 1, 2024, or upon the transfer of any property, whichever is later, and to provide library services directly to the public as a municipal library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Palm Desert hereby approves the withdrawal from the Riverside County Library System and determines and directs that City staff notify the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County that: a) the City no longer desires to be part of the county free library system, b) the City desires to assume the County's lease with Desert Community College District of the library building and to acquire all mutually agreed upon personal property within, c) as of July 1, 2024, or upon the transfer of property, whichever is later, the City of Palm Desert will withdraw from the Riverside County Library System and shall assume the responsibility for the provision of library services within the City's jurisdiction, and d) the City requests that the County shall take all necessary actions to redirect to the City, effective July 1, 2024, residual property tax funds and pass through funding pursuant to the Education Code and to redirect such funds to the City annually thereafter.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby directs staff to begin negotiations with the County, regarding the lease of the library building and contents, the transfer of funds for library operations, and the drafting of an agreement regarding these and all related matters, including the unwinding of previous agreements related to the library, in accordance with California Education Code, Section 19116.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby expresses its intent to establish an independent municipal library and directs staff to take all necessary steps and actions in order to effectuate the transition of the Palm Desert Library from the Riverside County Library System to a municipal library.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify passage of this Resolution.

ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 12, 2023

DocuSigned by:
Kathleen Kelly
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KATHLEEN KELLY
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:
Anthony J. Mejia
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ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2023-047 is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on October 12, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: HARNIK, NESTANDE, QUINTANILLA, TRUBEE, AND KELLY
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
RECUSED: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on 10/12/2023.

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Consolidations and Affiliations Made Under CLSA

The following consolidations and affiliations have been made since 1978/79, the first year of CLSA. They are shown by year of effective date of first grant award. Grant awards are made for each of two years.

1978/1979 (first year of CLSA)

- a. Public library consolidations:
 1. Crescent City Public Library/Del Norte County Library District
 2. Vacaville Unified School District/Solano County Free Library
 3. Calistoga Public Library/Napa City-County Library
 4. Woodland Public Library/Yolo County Library (Note: This consolidation was reversed by initiative, and the grant award was returned to the State.)
- b. Library System consolidations:
 1. Berkeley-Oakland Service System/East Bay Cooperative Library System/BALIS
- c. Affiliations: None

1979/1980

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 1. Buena Park Public Library/Santiago
 2. Arcadia Public Library/MCLS
 3. Dixon Public Library/MVLS
 4. Del Norte County Library District/North State

1980/1981

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 1. King City Public Library/MOBAC
 2. Livermore Public Library/BALIS

1981/1982

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations:
 1. Los Angeles Public Library/Long Beach Public Library/MCLS
 2. San Francisco Public Library/BALIS
- c. Affiliations:
 1. San Leandro Public Library/BALIS (*San Leandro withdrew from BALIS at the end of its first year of membership and the second year of the grant was not awarded*)
 2. Palmdale Public Library/South State
 3. Banning Public Library/Inland
 4. Beaumont District Library/Inland

1982/1983

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Hayward Public Library/BALIS
 - 2. Los Gatos Memorial Library/South Bay

1983/1984

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Thousand Oaks Public Library/Black Gold

1984/1985

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Benicia Public Library/North Bay
- d. System membership changes:
 - 1. Kern County Library from South State to SJVLS

1985/1986

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes:
 - 1. Larkspur Public Library withdraws from North Bay

1986/1987

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes: None

1987/1988

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes: None

1988/1989

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Inglewood Public Library/MCLS
- d. System membership changes:
 - 1. Thousand Oaks Public Library from Black Gold to MCLS (*waived contiguous borders*)

requirement)

1989/1990

- a. Public library consolidations:
 - 1. King City Library/Monterey County Library
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes:
 - 1. San Benito County Library from South Bay to MOBAC
 - 2. San Juan Bautista Public Library from South Bay to MOBAC

1990/1991

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Oxnard Public Library/MCLS (*waived contiguous borders requirement*)
 - 2. Signal Hill Library/MCLS
- d. System membership changes: None

1991/1992

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes: None

1992/1993

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. Systems membership changes: None

1993/1994

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes:
 - 1. Monterey Public Library withdraws from MOBAC
 - 2. Pasadena Public Library from MCLS to South State

1994/1995

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Folsom Public Library/MVLS
 - 2. Mariposa County Library/SJVLS
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Los Gatos Public Library withdraws from South Bay

1995/1996

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Rancho Cucamonga Public Library/Inland
 - 2. Susanville Public Library/North State
 - 3. Rancho Mirage Public Library/Inland
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Huntington Beach Public Library withdraws from Santiago
 - 2. Inglewood Public Library withdraws from MCLS

1996/1997

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Inglewood Public Library/South State
 - 2. Belvedere-Tiburon Library/North Bay
 - 3. Mission Viejo Public Library/Santiago
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Santa Ana Public Library withdraws from Santiago

1997/1998

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Riverside County Library System/Inland
 - 2. Riverside Public Library/Inland
- d. System Membership changes: None

1998/1999

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Calabasas Public Library/MCLS
 - 2. Moreno Valley Public Library/Inland
 - 3. Murrieta Public Library/Inland
- d. System Membership changes: None

1999/2000

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Pleasanton Public Library/BALIS
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Richmond Public Library from BALIS to North Bay

2000/2001

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Larkspur Public Library/North Bay
 - 2. Los Gatos Public Library/Silicon Valley
- d. System Membership changes: None

2001/2002

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Irwindale Public Library/MCLS
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Colusa County Free Library from North State to MVLS

2002/2003

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes: None

2003/2004

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes:
 - 1. Dixon Unified School District Library District from MVLS to North Bay
 - 2. Fullerton Public Library withdraws from Santiago

2004/2005

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes: None

2005/2006

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System membership changes: None

2006/2007

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Fullerton Public Library/Santiago

- d. System membership changes:
 - 1. Richmond Public Library from North Bay to BALIS

2007/2008

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Monterey Public Library/MOBAC
 - 2. Moorpark City Library/MCLS (waived contiguous borders requirement)
 - 3. Victorville Public Library/Inland
 - 4. Shasta Public Libraries/North State
- d. System membership changes: None

2008/2009

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Merced County Library from 49-99 to SJVLS
 - 2. San Juan Bautista City Library withdraws from MOBAC

2009/2010

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library System consolidations:
 - 1. BALIS/MOBAC/Peninsula/Silicon Valley merged to form Pacific Library Partnership
 - 2. MVLS/North Bay/North State merged to form NorthNet Library System
 - 3. MCLS/Santiago/South State merged to form Southern California Library Cooperative
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. San Juan Bautista City Library/MOBAC
- d. System membership changes:
 - 1. Cerritos Public Library withdraws from SCLC

2010/2011

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System Membership change:
 - 1. Ventura County Library from Black Gold to SCLC

2011/2012

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Camarillo Public Library/SCLC
 - 2. Santa Clarita Public Library/SCLC
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Santa Clara County Library withdraws from PLP

2012/2013

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System Membership changes: None

2013/2014

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Nine library jurisdictions in Orange County withdraw from SCLC and reinstate as Santiago Library System
 - 2. Santa Monica Public Library withdraws from SCLC (MCLS)

2014/2015

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System Membership changes: None

2015/2016

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Santa Clara County Library District/PLP
 - 2. Huntington Beach Public Library/Santiago
- d. System Membership changes:
 - 1. Hayward Public Library withdraws from PLP (BALIS)

2016/2017

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 - 1. Santa Monica Public Library/SCLC
- d. System Membership changes: None

2017/2018

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations: None
- d. System Membership changes: None

2018/2019

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library Systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:

1. Hayward Public Library/PLP
- d. System Membership changes: None

2019/2020

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 1. Simi Valley Public Library/SCLC
- d. System Membership changes: None

2020/2021

- a. Public library consolidations: None
- b. Library systems consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 1. Dixon Public Library/Solano County Library System
- d. System Membership changes: None

2021/2022

- a. Public library consolidation: None
- b. Library system consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 1. Carpinteria Library/Black Gold
 2. Santa Ana Library/Santiago
- d. System Membership Changes:
 1. Santa Barbara withdraws from Black Gold
 2. San Luis Obispo withdraws from Black Gold

2022/2023

- a. Public library consolidation: None
- b. Library system consolidations: None
- c. Affiliations:
 1. San Leandro Library/PLP
- d. System Membership Changes: None

NOTE: September 1, 1982, was the last filing date for affiliations before grants for this part of the Act ended. (CLSA Regulations, Section 20190(a)(3)).

Public Libraries not members of any System, July 1, 2022

1. Cerritos Public Library *
2. Loomis Library and Learning Center
3. (Redlands) A.K. Smiley Public Library
4. San Luis Obispo Library
5. Santa Barbara Library
6. Shafter Library

* CLSA ILL Participants

AGENDA ITEM: Position of Administrative Assistant II to the California Library Services Board

ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING:

Consideration of the hiring of the Administrative Assistant II to the California Library Services Board position at the State Library

ACTIONS/POTENTIAL ACTIONS BY THE BOARD:

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

The California State Library has begun the recruitment process of behalf of the Board. During the last recruitment, to streamline the process, the Board authorized State Library staff and the Executive Officer to conduct the hiring process, including potential candidate selection, interviews, and final decisions on job offerings on behalf of the Board. Additionally, the Board appointed Connie Williams as their representative to participate in the hiring process.

Should the Board wish to do so again, they may re-authorize State Library staff and the Executive Officer to conduct the hiring process on their behalf and appoint a representative(s) to participate in the hiring process and represent the Board.

BACKGROUND:

In the early years (1978-1997) of the California Library Services Board, a secretary position fulfilled the ongoing duties of the Board and its meetings. When the secretary position was vacated, those duties were tasked to several staff at the State Library, as state funding deficits and hiring freezes made it impossible to hire. The position of Board Secretary became a priority in late 1998 with the enactment of the Library of California (LoC), as Board members and staff traveled throughout California to hold meetings and public hearings where the library community would be more proactive in attending and providing input to the programs as they developed. Through 2002 the Board met four or five times a year to support the CLSA and LoC programs. In 2005, CLSA local assistance funding was reduced, leaving only Transaction Based Reimbursements (TBR) and system programs with ongoing funding. As Board meetings became less frequent the need to hire a secretary was put on hold and library staff, once again, began filling the duties of the secretary.

However, the workload made it necessary to fill the vacancy, and the position was recruited for in 2014 and filled in January 2015 with an Administrative Assistant II who fulfilled the Board Secretary duties as well as other duties for the Executive Officer. The position became vacant again in August 2020. The position was filled in November of 2022 and vacated again in November of 2023.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:

Update on the recruiting and hiring process of the Administrative Assistant II position.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY
SERVICES BOARD

Connie Williams, President,
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Sharon Weissman

November 15, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor's Office
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

Thank you for maintaining California's investments in libraries in your January budget plan.

The members of the California Library Services Board -- appointed by you, the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly Speaker -- represent public, school and prison libraries as well as library stakeholders such as underserved communities and the print disabled. That puts the board in a unique position to assess both the needs and challenges of California's local, public school, and academic libraries.

As you've said before, libraries are more than books: "Libraries, and librarians, stand at the crossroads of opportunity and information, acting as gateways to online job training and educational upskilling programs; to state parks by enabling people to check out a parks pass, regardless of income; and to food through free lunch programs."

We agree with you that it's more important than ever to "ensure and expand access to public libraries" as one of the few pieces left of common ground in our divided nation.

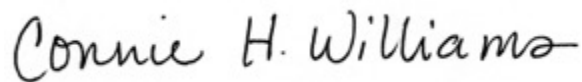
In reviewing the needs of California libraries, the board highlights the following spending priorities. Several of these are continuing statewide contracts that both save money and ensure access to opportunity for all Californians, not just those who can afford it:

- Investing \$2 million annually so that all Californians, including K-12 students, have access to eBooks and other digital resources by continuing to build a statewide eBooks-for-All library focused on multi-lingual and bilingual books for preschoolers to high-schoolers. New titles -- especially those some wish to ban -- need to be added to the 80,000 existing ones to maximize the library's potential.
- Continue investing \$4.5 million annually to provide online tutoring in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese and Tagalog. The service logged 250,000 one-on-one tutoring sessions in its first nine months of operation.

- Maintain the library workforce re-entry, job training and skill-building online resources for at least three years at a one-time cost of \$11.3 million. Three years allows more Californians to take advantage of the opportunity and more meaningful analytics of its use to be developed. Maintaining these online resources, initially paid for with federal COVID-19 relief funds is also supported by the California Library Association.
- Invest at least \$3 million annually in Zip Books, one of the most innovative programs being used in California libraries. Zip Books helps deliver books faster, more cheaply and with a smaller carbon footprint by using the online marketplace. During the pandemic Zip Books became a lifeline to the elderly and disabled who could no longer receive personal outreach from library staff. There are now 440 local libraries using the program – a 200% increase since 2016 -- but funding has remained at \$1 million, making the “slice” available to participating libraries thinner and thinner.
- Increase funding under the California Library Services Act to at least \$5 million. Several innovative programs, including leveraging broadband connectivity and boosting library-community partnerships, have been initiated by the board using one-time funding. These programs have helped libraries meet customer expectations and better deliver important information in this increasingly digital age. Additional library services act funding would allow them to continue.
- Assist school librarians by supporting the creation of a “School Library Lead,” as defined in AB 535, a bill introduced last year. This Lead, working within the Department of Education and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, can create strategies and policies for school library services by providing needed support, leadership, and professional development at a cost of \$1 million or less.

The board looks forward to working with you to ensure that all Californians have access to vital library services and resources.

Sincerely,



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